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Acknowledgement of Country

*We acknowledge the Bundjalung people, traditional custodians of this land.
We pay tribute and respect to the elders both past and present.*



Byron Anglicans
We are one

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

25th September 2022

All are welcome



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*A Christian presence in the community, living by faith,
known by love, sharing a voice of hope.*

From Grahame

In worship over the past weeks we have reflected on the Luke's version of things and Jesus has taught us through a number of parables addressed to unbelievers, one addressed to the disciples and this week Jesus speaks directly to the Pharisees who have been mocking his teaching. Luke describes the Pharisees as money lovers, so they are clearly identified by Jesus with the rich man of this week's parable. What are we meant to learn from this? What is God saying to us?

I once heard a person on the radio scold a radio commentator because he didn't know his 'scriptures'. The caller boasted what a good Christian they were because, as in the parable of the widow's mite, they gave all they could spare to the church, bzzzz wrong. The whole point of the parable of the widow's mite in Mark 12.42-44 is not that the widow gave what she could spare, but that she gave all she had. But that teaching is a bit hard so we adapt it to suit our situation, to further our point of view of what God is saying to us. This is what the Pharisees did. This is what Jesus was exposing. The Pharisees had corrupted the Law and used the resources God provided to make themselves appear more important, to have for themselves, fine linens and places of honour.

It really doesn't matter how well we recite Bible passages, or even how often we read the Bible, unless we are prepared to hear the message God's Holy Word brings; unless we are willing to follow in the way of Jesus. The rich man in Jesus' parable this week is often portrayed as someone who just came a bit late to repentance. If only they had lived a little longer, if only there had been some suitably dramatic event which could have revealed to them the need to repent? Maybe if someone had come and personally told them how important it is to listen to God and obey the commandments? Maybe then? Why didn't they listen? We will do better. If God thought this was really important surely there would be some way of giving us the message which could not be denied.

Anyone who says Jesus doesn't have a sarcastic sense of humour is just not paying attention. The rich man says: "No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent. He said to him, if they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby Office 9am - 4pm
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am - 4pm
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby Office 9am - 4pm
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am - 12.30pm
	Mullumbimby Office 9am - 4pm

Sunday 25th September

11am St Paul's Byron Bay.

Sunday 2nd October

7.30am	St Thomas' Brunswick Heads
9am	St Martins Mullumbimby
9am	St Paul's Byron Bay
9am	Blessing of the Animals All Soul's Bangalow

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10am-2pm
Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm

Byron Bay Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday &
Saturday 9.30am-1.30pm

Mullumbimby Monday—Friday 9.30am-3.30pm
Saturday 9.00am—12.00pm
Closed on Saturdays in October

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

Anglican Parish of Byron **BSB:** 705 077 **Account:** 00041263

Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission

The Buttery **Chief Executive Officer;**
Ms Leone Craydon, **Chair** Sandy Lockhart

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey
Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Willochra: Bishop John Stead & Jan,
Clergy & Laity

The Parish of Wauchope: The Rev'd Canon Anglea
Dutton, The Rev'd Chris Elliot & Jennie, The Rev'd Duncan
McArthur & Jennifer.

LLM: Gordon, Robert, Frankie, Wendy.

Local Prayer Focus

Liza, Anna & unborn child, Gladys, Judith, Heather, Hilary
and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, Sophie, David Williams,
Sigrid, Karen, John, David, Frank, Faith, Axel, David & Val,
Carol, Karen, Fran, Rebecca, Irene, Harper, Harley, Joe &
Jade, Brother Howard, Karen Christofferson.

The Community Centres and their work with the homeless.
The Liberation Larder, The Mullumbimby & District
Neighbourhood Centre, Ministry of Byron Bay &
Mullumbimby Christian Education.

Our Community impacted by the recent flood event.

Bulletin News Items

For inclusion in the weekly bulletin please forward to Sue
Williams by Wednesday morning. Sue Williams Phone
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Mission of the Month for September Westpac Rescue Helicopter



the dead.” Jesus speaks to us through the voice of Abraham in this parable to prophesy of the denial which will come following his own crucifixion and resurrection.

But what if we built special buildings where people would know to come to hear and learn what God has done for us in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus? Maybe then?

The rich man came very late to repentance because there in the torment of Hades he still had not heard the message. He still didn't get it. When he looked up and saw Lazarus with Abraham he saw a slave who he felt Abraham should use to send water to quench his thirst or if not that, perhaps to run errands for him back home to his household so that they may be saved. He still did not understand that Lazarus stood with Abraham finally as a free man, not a slave. The rich man does not understand what he has done wrong in life and continues after death in the only way he knows, focused on his own wants and desires, completely missing what God intends.

We know helping each other makes our communities stronger and makes our own health better. We know loving each other is what God wants. Again, it seems the Holy Scriptures could have been written yesterday as the lessons we should learn from them are more relevant today than ever. The rich man perhaps thought he had been very successful and this would gain him a preferred place with God. What God is calling us to be in our generosity to others, is faithful stewards of the gifts we receive. The rich man thought even after death he was entitled, even though in life he had neglected his responsibility to be a faithful steward to those who needed help.

The Pharisees thought they were entitled. They had this idea the money they received was theirs and they could do with it whatever they liked. They forgot that all they had was a gift from God, given to them so that they could provide God's blessing to others. So, we must ask ourselves, are we more interested in our entitlements than our responsibilities, are we blind like the rich man to the Lazarus at our gates? Do we acknowledge the blessings we receive as gifts from God, do we use them the way we know God intends?

With every blessing,

Grahame

Readings

25th September

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15, Psalm 91:1-6,14-16,
1 Timothy 6:6-19. Luke 16:19-31

2nd October

Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1:1-14,
Luke 17: 5-10

Services

25th September

11am St Paul's Byron Bay Harvest Festival

Sunday 2nd October

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am St Martin's Mullumbimby
9am St Paul's Byron Bay
9am Blessing of the Animals All Soul's Bangalow

Parish News

BCA Boxes



September is the month for counting the BCA Boxes. Please bring them into your centre for collection. Thank you.

Harvest Festival



On Sunday 25th September @ 11am at St Paul's Byron Bay we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival. If you have any jams, pickles, produce eg. fruit, vegies, pieces of sugar cane, etc please bring them with you. The donated goods will be auctioned and the proceeds given to the Koori Kitchen in Lismore. A bring and share lunch will follow the service.

Blessing of the Animals



Rev'd Rosie will be holding a service for the Blessing of the animals on Sunday 2nd October @ 9am at All Soul's Bangalow. All creatures big, small, feathered and scaly are welcome to come along bringing their owners.

ABM Pew Reflection Sunday 25 September 2022

- Jesus Christ, lover of the poor, let me see the needy through your eyes. Let me offer as much help as I can. Help me always to be kind.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of NATSIAC, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Council.

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An Evening with the Archbishop of Canterbury

The Most Reverend Justin Welby will be a guest of the Grafton Diocese in October. Part of the program for Archbishop Welby, includes a public address "Building Peace in Robust Diversity" as a ticketed event open to the public.

Thursday 13 October 2022

**The Lindsay Walker Centre,
Emmanuel Anglican College**

62 Horizon Drive, Ballina 7.30pm (arrive by 7pm).

There is no cost to attend the event. A collection for the 2022 North Coast Flood Appeal will take place on the night. Up until Friday 30 September 2022 local Anglicans and those in our Anglican organisations have priority in booking places for this special event. Bookings are through the on-line ticketing system Eventbrite

1. Go to this link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/an-evening-with-the-archbishop-of-canterbury-the-most-reverend-justin-welby-tickets-420088394697>
2. For parishes, please select "Priority Tickets - General Diocese" as your ticket category.
3. When entering your personal details, select your parish from the list of Ministry Units.